

House Resolution 253

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Garfield Hammonds, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement
2 from the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Garfield Hammonds, Jr., has served with honor and distinction for over
4 40 years in law enforcement and crime prevention; and,

5 WHEREAS, after earning a bachelor's degree in biology from Tennessee State University
6 in 1965, Mr. Hammonds went on to teach science in the Nashville Public School System; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1969, Mr. Hammonds began a 25 year career with the United States Drug
8 Enforcement Administration, retiring in 1994 as Special Agent in Charge of the Southeast
9 Region, responsible for the administration of 18 offices in North Carolina, South Carolina,
10 Tennessee, and Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hammonds was appointed to the prestigious position of Commissioner of
12 the Department of Juvenile Justice by Governor Zell Miller in 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1995, Governor Miller appointed Mr. Hammonds to the Board of Pardons
14 and Paroles, where he served professionally, sagaciously, and efficiently for 14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
16 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
17 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hammonds has received numerous awards recognizing his exemplary
19 service, including the Presidential Rank Award for outstanding executive performance from
20 President Bill Clinton, and has served his community in many capacities, including as an
21 active member of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and Kappa Alpha Fraternity; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
23 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend the stylish Mr. Garfield Hammonds, Jr., for his years of
26 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service; congratulate him upon the grand occasion
27 of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
28 happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Garfield Hammonds,
31 Jr.